(b) if so, the details of this amount in December 2002, 2003 and 2004, separately;

(c) the amount in the form of interest paid by Government on the said amount of debt during 2002-2003, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(d) the average rate of interest during each of above said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India's total external debt amounted to US $ 105,313 million at end-December 2002, US $ 112,801 million at end-December 2003 and US $ 120,897 million at end-December 2004. During the corresponding period, external debt on Government amounted to US $ 43,421 million US $ 42,567 million and US $ 43,896 million, respectively.

(c) and (d) The interest paid by the Government on 'external debt on Government account' amounted to US $ 904 million in 2002-03, US $ 674 million in 2003-04 and US $ 594 million (Quick estimate) during 2004-05. The ratio of interest payments to Government debt outstanding works out to an average interest rate of 2.19 per cent in 2002-03 and 1.64 per cent in 2003-04 and 1.37 per cent in 2004-05.

NPAs of banks

†4226. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of Non-Performing Assets in all the Public Sector and Private Sector banks in the country has gone down during the year 2003-04;

(b) if so, the details of the said amount and the percentage of this amount in comparison with the total loans provided by Banks; and

(c) the amount of loan provided by all banks during the year 2003-04 and the extent to which this amount was higher than the amount given as loans during the year 2002-03 indicating the average rate of interest on the loans provided during both of the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The details of gross non-performing assets of public sector and private sector banks during the year 2003-04 are as under:

As on March 2004	Gross Advances	Gross NPAs	%of gross NP As to gross advances	%of gross NPAs of total assets
Public Sector Banks	6,61,975	51,538	7.8	3.5
Old private sector banks	57,908	4392	7.6	3.6
New private sector Banks	1,19,511	5963	5.0	2.4

(c) All scheduled commercial banks have given gross advances to the tune of Rs. 9,02,026 as on March 2004 against an amount of Rs. 7,78,043 as on March 2003.

Recovery of NPAs of banks

†4227. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Public Sector and Private sector banks in the country have recovered the amount of outstanding dues of their Non-Performing Assets accounts;

(b) if so, the amount recovered by each bank during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) the percentage of recovered amount out of the total amount of Non-Performing Assets for the whole years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Bank-wise details regarding total recoveries affected during the years ending March 2003 and 2004 and percentage of recoveries to gross NPAs during the year ending March 2004 are given in the Statement.

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